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TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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	I, the person signing below, state:
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5. 🛚	C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed re	nclosed Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 eference(s) are not provided since they were al No. <u>09/312,095</u> , the benefit of the filing r 35 U.S.C. § 120.		
NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES				
	☐ Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.			
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Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on t relevancy of non-English language references:				
		Respectfully submitted,		
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